

Largest Laundromat is as an exceptional model of a cost-effective, energy conserving business—the best of both worlds.

Tom Benson's resourcefulness and visionary outlook extends to the social atmosphere of his laundromat as well. Aside from a spacious interior and 15 flat-screen TVs, the facility offers free wireless access, free pizza on Wednesday nights, and hosts many special events. Additionally, the World's Largest Laundromat has a reputation for promoting community programs that encourage education. One program, Read to Ride, awards bikes to children who read books during the summer.

On November 4, 2006, Benson was presented with the Charles E. Piper Award for his efforts and positive influence on the Berwyn business community. It is my privilege and pleasure to congratulate Mr. Benson on this award and acknowledge his contributions to the community. His unique approach, dedication, and determination serve as an inspiration to the business community, as well as all citizens.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHARLES WILLIAMSON

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles H.K. Williamson, a long-time educator and winner of the Carnegie Foundation's 2006 Professor of the Year Award for New York State.

Professor Williamson, during his 16 year tenure in the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Cornell University, has impacted countless individuals, from undergraduates to Ph.D. candidates to fellow professors. As a colleague states, "Professor Williamson is the most creative and talented educator I have encountered . . . he has no equal on our faculty in integrating research into teaching and teaching into research."

It seems fitting that Professor Williamson began his teaching career among royalty, tutoring Prince Pavlos of Greece before leaving London to emigrate to Pasadena, California, and Caltech in 1984. In 1990, he found himself an assistant professor at Cornell, apprehensively standing in front of 100 students in a thermodynamics class. "I remember coming out of that first class on a high," he recalls. "I realized that the students really want to learn and are eager to know that the teacher genuinely wants the same thing."

From that point on, Professor Williamson has been a trailblazer, pioneering new approaches to lecturing. His classes are unpredictable but always educational, using anything from footlong smoke rings to Beatles albums to jet engines to demonstrate the principles of thermodynamics and fluid mechanics.

Professor Williamson's unique teaching methods, combined with his love of the subject, touches students in a way that educators seldom do. His student evaluation scores are by far the best in his department and among the highest in the university: His average over 16 years at Cornell is 4.57 out of 5, an unequaled level of consistency and excellence.

In addition to being an entertaining lecturer, Professor Williamson is also a true mentor to

students, inspiring and supporting them throughout their education, even attending student sporting events. "Without the confidence and skills I learned from Professor Williamson, I never would have . . . received a doctorate in plasma physics," a former advisee recounts.

Professor Williamson is an inspiration to us all, an individual who truly makes a difference in the lives of those around him. I am honored to congratulate him on receiving the Carnegie Foundation's 2006 Professor of the Year Award.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN SELESKY

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents who has distinguished himself through service to his country, his State and his community. Mr. John Selesky has been selected as "Ogemaw County Veteran of the Year" by the Ogemaw County Veterans Alliance. Mr. Selesky is truly deserving of this unique honor.

Mr. Selesky enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps as an Aviation Cadet in 1942. He was trained in Oxnard, California, and Roswell Army Airfield. After flight training, Mr. Selesky was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

In 1943, Mr. Selesky left on a night flight at 11 p.m. After takeoff, Mr. Selesky's plane underwent engine failure causing him to undergo a forced landing at the end of the runway.

Injured, Mr. Selesky walked back to the runway and then back to the flight line. The staff in the flight office called the base hospital, which dispatched an ambulance. Mr. Selesky awoke on an operating table where surgeons were sewing up cuts on his head and face. Sadly, Mr. Selesky lost his left eye in the accident.

After being discharged from the Army in 1943, Mr. Selesky returned home to Grayling, Michigan. A member of the greatest generation, Mr. Selesky did not take much time to rest after his discharge. Instead, he almost immediately went back to work in the family store. He also started a family of his own. Ultimately, Mr. Selesky and his wife, Virginia, would have five children, John, Jr., Verna, Barbara, Jeffery and Mike.

After purchasing a small farm, Mr. Selesky went back to serving his state and his country by joining the Conservation Department as a Forest Fire Tower Lookout out of the Mio District Office in Mio, Michigan. In 1957, Mr. Selesky was promoted to Conservation Foreman and supervised a prison inmate labor crew at the Southern Michigan State Forest Nursery near Brighton, Michigan.

In 1963, the State of Michigan eliminated the Fire Tower Fire Watch system and began using aircraft for fire detection. With his military flying experience and additional flight time he had accrued thanks to the GI Bill of Rights, Mr. Selesky was promoted to District Pilot at the Mio District Office. Mr. Selesky piloted one of only four planes used by the State of Michigan. In 1980, Mr. Selesky retired after 29 years of service as an employee in the State of Michigan having served as Conservation Foreman and as a pilot.

Mr. Speaker, with our brave men and women deployed abroad, it is more important than ever that all of us observe Veteran's Day. By honoring past heroes, we salute those who serve today. With that in mind, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in saluting Mr. Selesky for his service and in congratulating him for being awarded Ogemaw County Veteran of the Year.

TRIBUTE TO THE ASIAN-AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Asian-American Medical Association, which hosted the 30th Annual Asian-American Charity Ball on Saturday, November 4, 2006, at the Avalon Manor in Hobart, Indiana. Each year, the Asian-American Medical Association pays tribute to prominent, outstanding citizens for their contributions to the community. In recognition of their efforts, individuals are honored at this annual banquet and are awarded the prestigious Crystal Globe Award.

The Asian-American Medical Association has always been a great asset to Northwest Indiana. Its members have selflessly dedicated themselves to providing quality medical service to the residents of Indiana's First Congressional District, and they have always demonstrated exemplary service through their many cultural, scholastic, and charitable endeavors.

At this year's charity ball, the Asian-American Medical Association presented Surjit S. Patheja, M.D., with the Crystal Globe Award. Dr. Patheja was born in Pakistan in 1947 and graduated from Rangoon University Medical College in 1959. He practiced medicine in Burma for several years until immigrating to the United States in June 1964. After practicing medicine in locations such as Connecticut, New York, and Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Patheja relocated to Northwest Indiana, where he has resided for the past 35 years. Although now retired from his practice, Dr. Patheja, board certified in Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, has been an invaluable member of the medical community since his arrival in Northwest Indiana, even serving as President of the Porter County Medical Society and the Tenth District Medical Society. Aside from the many accolades he has earned in the area of medicine, Dr. Patheja has also been instrumental in establishing scholarships and endowments for young adults. As if these accomplishments were not impressive enough, Dr. Patheja has always remained an active member of the community, donating his time through membership in several clubs and associations, including the Valparaiso Rotary Club, the Sikh Religious Society of Chicago, the Indian Medical Association of Northwest Indiana, and, of course, the Asian-American Medical Society. He is also a member of the American College of Radiology and the Radiological Society of North America.

Although Dr. Patheja has devoted so much of his time to medicine and to the Northwest Indiana community, he has always made a special point of sharing as much time as possible with his loving wife of 61 years, Mindy,

and their three children. Aside from spending time with his family, in his spare time, Dr. Patheja has always enjoyed golfing and photography.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the Asian-American Medical Association, as well as this year's Crystal Globe Award recipient, Surjit S. Patheja, M.D., for their outstanding contributions to medicine and to the community. Their unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and throughout the world is truly inspirational. For these reasons, they are to be praised, and I am proud to serve as their Representative in Washington, DC.

IN MEMORY OF MAJOR GENERAL
KATHRYN G. FROST

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Major General Kathryn G. Frost.

General Frost was an inspiration to many people. She was the wife of The Honorable Martin Frost, she was a sister, an aunt, a friend to the military, and a hero to many. General Frost consistently urged joint service officers and enlisted persons to be the very best they can be and worked hard to transfer her commitment to service to the soldiers with whom she came in contact.

Her distinguished career spanned three decades, and her duties included tours as Chief, Military Personnel Office/Deputy Adjutant General, Berlin Brigade/United States Army, Berlin, Germany; Commander, Eastern Sector, United States Military Entrance Processing Command, Great Lakes, Illinois; Adjutant General/Commanding General, Physical Disability Agency/Executive Director of Military Postal Service Agency, Alexandria, Virginia; and Deputy Legislative Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, DC.

General Frost's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, and Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge. She also was named one of USC's Distinguished Alumni in 2002.

Mr. Speaker, Major General Kathy Frost was a respected leader who will be greatly missed by her family, her friends, and her colleagues. She and her husband were dear friends of mine and I know the members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to Major General Kathy Frost's family.

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JOHNSON-PHELPS ALL AMERICAN VFW POST #5220

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 60th anniversary of the Johnson-Phelps All American VFW Post #5220 in Oak Lawn, IL. Since its establishment, Post #5220 has enriched the lives of its members and faithfully served the community. Today, Post #5220, under the guidance of Commander Joseph Stachon, has over 600 members and is one of the most active VFW Posts in the Chicagoland area.

Area veterans, returning from the Second World War, formed the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post between 1944 and 1945 and received a formal charter in 1946. Initially, members gathered at the Oak Lawn Public Library and later held functions at Brandt's Dug-Out. In 1951, the Post moved into its current location at 52nd and Yourell Drive.

Throughout its history, Post #5220 has successfully brought veterans of all ages and backgrounds together. Members of the Post and its Ladies Auxiliary have a strong reputation for participating in community service events, performing volunteer work at hospitals, and spearheading donation drives and fundraisers for charity. Through the work of its members, the Post continues to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and has a tremendous impact on the surrounding community.

It is my great honor to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Johnson-Phelps All American VFW Post #5220 and commend the outstanding work of its members. As we celebrate the members' accomplishments today, we also thank them for their dedicated service in defending everything that our great Nation represents. Our society is forever indebted to our Nation's veterans for their unyielding bravery, courage, and perseverance.

TRIBUTE TO ARCH T. DOTSON

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of an inspiring man and longtime constituent, Professor Arch T. Dotson, who passed away last April at the age of 85. Over the course of his remarkable life, Prof. Dotson ("Arch") served as teacher, friend, and mentor to all who knew him.

Professor Dotson truly is an exemplar of the American success story. Born the second of three sons to tenant farmers in Kentucky, he graduated from Transylvania University in 1941 and joined the U.S. Air Force as a test pilot throughout World War II. In September of 1945, he decided to go to Harvard University for graduate school. He would recount the story of his experience with the associate dean: "She looked at my transcript and she looked at me in my full officer's uniform and finally said, 'Harvard can afford to take a few chances.'" Five years later, Arch left Harvard Square with a Ph.D. in government.

His career at Cornell University spanned 50 years, during which he had an immeasurable impact on the campus and its students. In 1969, 18 years after arriving in Ithaca, Prof. Dotson was named Chair of the Department of Government. In 1979 he became founding Director of the Cornell in Washington program, and in 1984 undertook the same role for Cornell Abroad. From 1991 to 1996 he served as Director of the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs. During this time, he also consulted internationally, helping India with regional development, assisting with the opening of a College of Public Administration in the Philippines, and working for the United Nations.

Professor Dotson had a tremendous impact on all whose lives he touched. The Cornell in Washington and Cornell Abroad programs are now cornerstones of the Cornell experience, with over 1,000 students participating in them each year. A former student says, "He deeply loved all of his students . . . he encouraged us to recognize within ourselves the ability to succeed even if the odds seemed stacked against us." Dedicated to public service, Arch truly believed that everyone, no matter their roots or circumstances, could make an impact on the world they lived in.

Professor Dotson serves as a model for what we all may aspire to become. I am honored to pay tribute to him today, and send my thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of this inspiring figure.

TRIBUTE TO SAYKLLY'S
CONFECTIONARY AND GIFTS

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a business and a family in my district that, in many ways, exemplify the American dream. The Saykly's family business has been in the same family for 100 years. Through hard work, perseverance and an admirable entrepreneurial spirit, the family has built an Upper Peninsula institution.

In 1906, a young Lebanese immigrant named Joseph Saykly opened his own shop in Escanaba, Michigan. The shop, "Saykly's," carried groceries and homemade candy and ice cream. Eventually, that little store would blossom into a thriving landmark, recognized throughout the Escanaba area. In 1916, Joseph married his wife, Mary, who was also a Lebanese immigrant. Together, Joseph and Mary would have nine children—Josephine, Marge, Angeline, Louise, Elizabeth, Marie, Martha Jean, Fred and Edward. All of the children helped in the business and all of them lived in a small apartment above the store.

Over the years, Saykly's grew in popularity. Local residents in Escanaba would stop by the store to take home a bag of Saykly's famous candy or linger at the soda fountain to savor treats made with hand-cranked ice cream. In the early days of Saykly's, some of the most popular products sold were peanut brittle, hand-pulled taffy, hand-dipped chocolates, peanut clusters and fudge. Many of these same delights are sold today.

When Joseph Saykly passed away in 1943, Mary maintained the business with the help of her children and Mary's sister Martha Jean. In